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To: Superintendents, Principals, ELL, Title I & Curriculum Coordinators, Teachers
From: Jim McCobb, Title III Director, Vermont Department of Education (VT DOE)
RE: Title III, Part A (English Language Acquisition) Subgrants for 2011-2012
Date: September 2, 2011

The VT DOE is inviting *eligible LEAs* (or LEA consortia) to apply for a Title III (English Language Acquisition) subgrant in 2011-2012. Interested LEAs must send an e-mail notifying james.mccobb@state.vt.us of “intent to apply,” **no later than Monday, September 19, 2011, and submit a completed application by Friday, October 7, 2011. All Title III grant resources can be viewed at: http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/pgm_esl/grant_application_resources.html.**

Title III of the No Child Left Behind Act provides funding to *supplement* the **core language instructional program/services**, which *all* LEAs are required to offer English Language Learners (ELLs) by Federal law, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Eligible LEAs or consortia may apply for this funding for the purposes of: 1) developing high-quality language instructional programs for ELLs—referred to as Limited English Proficient (LEP) children and youth in NCLB, and 2) providing professional development for educators working with ELLs and their families.

Eligible Entities: “Eligible entities”—either single LEAs or Consortia—must include enough eligible ELLs to qualify for a subgrant of at least \$10,000. LEAs that don’t meet this threshold may form a consortium with other LEAs, as long as they collectively enroll the number of ELLs to qualify for a \$10,000 grant. At least one LEA in a consortium must agree to act as the Fiscal Agent. **All LEAs** in a consortium, regardless of the number of students enrolled in their respective district/supervisory union, are required to meet all Title III assurances, accountability, and other grant requirements.

Projected 2011-2012 Title III Grant Allocations: An LEA’s count of Title III eligible students includes all students who took the spring 2011 **ACCESS For ELLs**[®] and did NOT meet Vermont’s statewide definition of “proficiency.” This count, along with the **estimated** allocation by LEA, can be viewed at: http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/pgm_esl.html. Final allocations will be posted on the web site after all interested eligible entities have been identified.

Reporting Requirements: Requirements for Title III reports, evaluation, and accountability under Title III are elaborated in Appendix V of the Application Instructions.

FURTHER QUESTIONS? For technical assistance, contact Jim McCobb at (802) 828-0185 or James.McCobb@state.vt.us.